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ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 507.10

To: All ADE Branch Stations

From: Chief of Branch

Subject: Wintertime Exceptions to VE Cleaning and Disinfecting Requirements.

I PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide for wintertime exceptions to vesicular exanthema cleaning and disinfecting requirements by restating the provisions of VE Letter 53-14, dated November 10, 1953.

II POLICY

Recognizing the difficulty during winter months of complying with the cleaning and disinfecting requirements contained in paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 76.35 of BAI Order 383, Revised, the Branch is hereby authorizing inspectors to allow deviations from said requirements when local weather conditions prevent compliance. In exercising this discretion, inspectors should, as much as possible, assist shippers, stockyard companies, transportation companies, and others to work out the most practical procedures for maintaining clean facilities. Examples might be the pooling of trucks and cars, the installation of improved cleaning equipment, and thawing sheds. When complete cleaning is impossible, because of freezing weather, the disinfectant may be applied after removal of the litter.

Feed, water, and rest pens, chutes, alleys, etc., need not be cleaned once each week during freezing weather, but they should be kept as clean as possible with removal of litter and application of disinfectant as may be practicable. Thorough cleaning and disinfecting, as required under section 76.35, paragraph (c) of the Order, should be carried out as soon as moderation in the weather will permit.

Officials in charge are requested to exchange information frequently with other officials in charge in nearby areas, in order to achieve as much uniformity as possible in this matter.

Unless otherwise notified, these instructions will remain in effect until April 1, 1955.

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